

## House Resolution 2091

By: Representative Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory and life of Coach Gregory Stathis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Gregory Stathis was born October 9, 1959, in New Dorp, New York, the  
3 beloved son of John and the late Cleo Stathis; and

4 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman has rendered his name dear to the  
5 hearts of his family, many friends, and hockey fans across the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Stathis began his career as an outstanding school teacher and ice hockey  
7 coach at St. Peter's High School in New York and over the course of his ten years of service  
8 at St. Peter's High School, Coach Stathis's foresight and leadership guided the school's ice  
9 hockey program, setting unprecedented levels of overall athletic achievement, including  
10 numerous divisional and city championships; and

11 WHEREAS, his coaching career brought him to Manhattan College and later to Wagner  
12 College, and at both colleges he led his teams to victories and championships through his  
13 dedication, hard work, and love of the game; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1991, Coach Gregory Stathis moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to serve as the  
15 video coach for the famous Atlanta Knights professional ice hockey team and also accepted  
16 the most notable position of head coach for Georgia Tech, one of the nations leading  
17 universities; and

18 WHEREAS, during his extraordinary tenure with Georgia Tech, Coach Gregory led the  
19 Yellow Jackets team to an incredible 348 wins and to numerous Southeast Division  
20 championships and a second place and two third place national finishes and he was the only  
21 coach to appear in all ten Memorial Health Hockey Classic Tournaments in Savannah,  
22 Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, as further evidence of his love for and commitment to others and the game of  
2 hockey, Coach Stathis started Hockey Time USA, a roller hockey league, in 1998, to help  
3 the children of Cherokee and Cobb Counties grow through the game of hockey and he went  
4 on to promote the game of hockey throughout North Georgia as the coach of numerous  
5 traveling roller and ice hockey teams; and

6 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband and is survived by Maryann Stathis, his wife of 17  
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, in the course of his life, Coach Stathis touched the lives of many with his caring  
9 and enthusiastic spirit, and he was an inspirational mentor to many young men and women  
10 by teaching them the true meaning of teamwork; and

11 WHEREAS, he will be missed not only by his family but also by legions of players and  
12 friends who were fortunate to have known his dynamic spirit through the game of hockey.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
14 the members of this body honor the memory of Coach Gregory Stathis and express their  
15 sincere regret at his passing.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Coach  
18 Gregory Stathis.